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TAGS: PFOR SY UR
SUBJ: SYRIAN TELEVISION CUTS BACK SOVIET FILMS BROADCAST
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1. TWO RELIABLE SYRIAN SOURCES HAVE ADVISED US THAT SYRIAN TELEVISION, IN RESPONSE TO POLITICAL DECISION TAKEN BY SARG AND RELAYED THROUGH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, HAS CUT BACK ON NUMBER OF SOVIET FILMS SHOWN ON LOCAL TELEVISION. ONE SOURCE SAID THIS BEGAN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO. SECOND SOURCE STATED THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT MININFO TO REVIEW MATERIALS BEING TELEVISED, AND BOTH SOVIET MOVIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOWS HAVE BEEN SCRATCHED. THIS SOURCE SAID HE AND HIS CHILDREN HAVE NOTED DIMINISHED AMOUNT OF SOVIET MATERIAL ON DAMASCUS TELEVISION. HE ADDED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT WHO SITS ON MININFO COMMITTEE, SOVIET FILM DISTRIBUTOR INCENSED OVER DECISION. SOURCE CLAIMED SOVIET MEDIA

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PRODUCTS DO NOT MUCH IMPRESS SYRIAN AUDIENCES IN CONTRAST, TO AMERICAN FILMS AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS. HE ASSERTED SYRIAN MEDIA OFFICIALS WANT TO INCREASE USE OF U.S. FILMS.

2. COMMENT:

SYRO-SOVIET ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THEIR BILATERAL

RELATIONS ON POLITICAL FRONT APPARENTLY NOT HAVING MUCH
SUCCESS IN CULTURAL SPHERE.
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